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- 1. U.S. Patent No. 5,790,674, published August 4, 1998.
- 2. U.S. Patent No. 6,012,039, published January 4, 2000.

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